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As coronavirus cases fall gradually, city is reporting certain patients spending more time at hospitals, latest covid-19 data shows

THE HARDEST PART

Highest admissions seen in 60 plus age group

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With the number of covid-19 cases gradually declining in Karnataka, Bengaluru which was reporting high numbers until a few days ago, is now seeing a downward trend.

BBMP data from January 25 to January 31 showed a downward trend in hospital admissions. Over 83 admissions were reported on January 25; it fell to 63 the next day and a further fall was reported to 53 admissions on January 29. On January 30, there were 51 admissions.

Active hospitalisations in the city are seeing some of the patients spending beyond 14-21 days at hospitals.

This shows one should not let their guard down and shall continue to follow covid-appropriate behaviour and stay protected from getting infected.

The first and second wave saw a number of patients landing in hospitals, many of them requiring oxygen or ventilators and their duration of stay in the hospital much longer. Health professionals during the second wave, in fact, had to send patients home once they showed improvement after 14 days and ask them to continue taking oxygen at home as there were bed shortages. This was done in order to admit other patients.

“Only one in 30 patients require admission for a longer stay. They had increased radiological scores in CT scans — seen mostly in the 60-plus age group who were not vaccinated...

— Dr Satyanarayana Mysore

Though the ‘third wave’ has not seen such a scenario, certain patients are requiring hospitalisation for a period of 14 days or above. As per Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) war room data — of the admissions by bed type and number of days from date of admission under the government bed quota— among the 455 beds actively acquired until February 1, over 94 patients were admitted in the hospitals between 8-14 days.

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Toll plazas take a toll

Trouble continues to brew for vehicles at toll plazas despite FASTag rollout

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Since FASTag was rolled out, it was claimed the human interface between the vehicle user and toll personnel was minimal. However, there have been many incidents where toll personnel and vehicle users are ending up in fisticuffs.

The latest fracas has been reported from Bengaluru-Hassan road toll plaza near Nelamangala. A verbal duel ensued between a car driver and a toll staff where both of them nearly came to exchange blows before they were separated by the onlookers. Another toll staffer was seen (the video has gone viral) using foul language at the car driver.

Manjunath K, a techie who frequently travels on this road said: “The incident occurred near the Yantaganahalli toll. As most of the road users have installed FASTag, it is a hassle-free process. However, there are many incidents where the FASTag data is not captured properly. This is where the toll personnel comes into the picture. Though most of them are courteous in nature, there are a few unruly elements who speak rudely. There is no one present in the toll plaza who can calm down the issue. I think that the toll plaza personnel need to be educated on how to behave with customers. They need to act in a professional way.”

However, the toll plaza personnel had a different story altogether.

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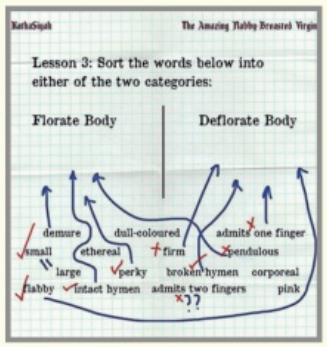
3 THINGS TO DO

01 All about a woman's body



KathaSiyah, a theatre collective, is presenting 'The Amazing Flabby-Breasted Virgin & Other Sordid Tales' - a digital show - a performative archive on an interactive website. This is a playful, irreverent digital performance. This performance is part of an educational arts project on systemic issues in both medicine and education today. It plays with the myths and magical thinking that surround and define the non-masculine, non-heterosexual body. Inspired by the writings of a contemporary Indian feminist gynaecologist, it poses surreal and satirical questions about how women's bodies are taught, perceived and practiced within medical education in the urban Indian context.

When: Online
When: Feb 4 – 13, multiple slots
Tickets: insider.in

02 Finance 101

Managing budgets, funds and investments post-retirement could be tricky and may require expert advice. And while it is essential for hassle-free and happy ageing, many Indian older adults tend to ignore post-retirement financial planning. Keeping this in mind, Silver Talkies is organising an interactive session called 'How to plan your retirement funds'.

Where: Zoom
When: February 4, 4:30 pm
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03 Pottery anyone?

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JANUARY: WHEN CASES SHOT UP & PLUMMETED

Cases at an all-time high last month with more than four lakh people testing positive

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January was a roller-coaster ride for Bengalureans in terms of Covid. As predicted in the Omicron wave, the transmissibility of the disease was the highest. Around 4,56,462 patients tested positive for Covid in Bengaluru in one month alone. This is the highest monthly infection since Covid hit the city on March 8, 2020 (the previous highest being May 2021 when 4,06,489 people tested positive).

However, despite the increase in deaths (191 people died of Covid in Bengaluru this January), the deaths are still lower (May 2021 had witnessed the highest of 6,971 deaths in a single month).

The month also saw a new record of daily infections with 30,000 people testing positive in a single day. However, since then, Covid has been on the decline.

2021 – a mixed bag

In January 2021, 10,311 cases were reported and 66 deaths (this was the least number of deaths per month in the first wave). Though the number of cases were at their lowest in February (6,813), the deaths started increasing after that with 88 losing lives. The second wave began in March with the city reporting 31,886 cases and 147 deaths.

During the third week of December, Covid cases were at their the lowest for the second wave. Between December 20 - December 26, 1,451 cases were reported. This went up to 4,664 between December 27 and January 2.

Experts say that the third wave started in the city after Christmas. Since then, the Covid wave increased with 42,148 cases being reported between January 3 and January 9 and shot up to 1,24,214 between January 10 to 16.

It hit the peak between January 17 and January 23 when 1,74,472 cases were recorded and then the decline started with 1,13,664 cases between January 24 and January 30.

Positivity & mortality

The positivity rate during January-end was 18.42 per cent as against 0.74 per cent positivity in December. During May 2021, the positivity rate was as high as 38.87 per cent which gradually decreased to 8.43 per cent by June first week and declined. On January 23, the positivity was 27 per cent, the highest for the third wave. However, the case fatality rate was lower with 0.8 per cent.

Vaccinations

In terms of inoculations, Bengaluru continues to be the second city after New Delhi as cumulatively, 1.94 crore vaccine doses have been administered as against New Delhi's 2.96 crore, Mumbai's 1.94 crore, Chennai's 96.02 lakh and Kolkata's 92.87 lakh.

BBMP personnel collect swab samples at Gandhi Nagar

2-month-old baby dies of Covid

Karnataka reported highest number of Covid deaths this year with 81 -- including 13 in Bengaluru -- succumbing to the virus, according to Wednesday's health bulletin. Overall, 20,505 Covid cases were reported in the state out of which, 8,850 cases were from Bengaluru alone. Among the deceased, a two-month-old baby died of Covid in Belagavi after staying in the hospital for 13 days.

Slow and steady against covid-19

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Among the 94 patients, 22 were in general beds, 33 in HDU, 23 in ICU and 16 were in ICU-V.

While 39 cases have acquired beds from 15-21 days — 16 in general, 18 in HDU, ICU with 4 and one in ICU-V

Seven beds were acquired beyond 21 days — 2 in general bed category, 3 in HDU and 2 in ICU.

Meanwhile, 315 were actively admitted between 0-7 days — some recovered during this period, others required a longer stay.

Out of the 455 beds, 119 patients were admitted in general beds, 158 in HDU beds, 107 in ICU beds, 71 in ICU-V beds.

Going by the age group of these active hospital admissions, the highest admissions were seen in the 60 plus age category — over 41 of them required ICU ventilators, followed by 6 in ICU, 58 needed HDU and 43 were admitted in general beds. Moreover, 23 cases were admitted in the 41-60 age group in the ICU ventilator alongside 3 in ICU, 41 in HDU and 37 in general beds.

Dr Satyanarayana Mysore, consultant pulmonologist at Manipal Hospital, said those who required hospital stay were mostly in the above-60 age group and partially or without vaccinations: "Only one in 30 patients did require admission for a longer stay. They had increased radiological scores in the CT scan. This was seen mostly in the 60-plus age group who were not vaccinated and some who had taken partial vaccination. Some even had comorbidities like diabetes, hypertension or chronic kidney disease, which deteriorated their conditions further. It is important for people to get vaccinated and still be on guard by following covid-appropriate behaviour."

A senior doctor from a government hospital said: "Many are letting their guard down, knowing that this time people are only getting mild infections. They need to understand why staying protected is a must."

Dr Thrilok Chandra, BBMP health commissioner, pointed out that those who are in hospitals have been recovering in a short time. "As compared to the previous wave, the average duration of stay in the hospital has come down. Vaccine coverage and the characteristics of the variant could be the factors."

Dr Mysore, meanwhile, pointed out that the right clinical management has helped in patient recovery: "The third wave has been a learning curve for both patients and health professionals, where we know about the virus and how to efficiently treat it. In selective cases we administered monoclonal antibodies to the patients who showed Delta and Omicron-like presentations. These factors helped in less mortality and morbidity."

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Up in smoke

Mahadevapura zone residents face breathing issues. Despite years of complaining against waste dumping, burning, officials won't help, they say

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Dumping and burning of garbage in some localities in the Mahadevapura zone continue despite many complaints made by residents to officials. In the past 10 days, the rampant burning of waste has become a health concern for these residents.

Residents of Mantri Espana in Bellandur told BM that folks have been dumping waste from construction work, mixed loads of dry and wet waste, and faeces at an empty site near their apartment. They said, that they have had to deal with such littering for four years now but the local MLA and BBMP officials do not seem to pay heed to their pleas. Trucks arrive at the spot to dump waste and burn it on a regular basis. The smoke from the burning waste is causing breathing difficulties for the residents.

"This could lead to the release of dangerous and possibly carcinogenic gases which can affect the health of residents, including children and senior citizens," a resident of the apartment said.

Residents disclosed that although the burning of waste takes place close to the buffer zone of Bellandur Lake, it is still outside of the zone, which is why marshals do not take any action against it although the residents suffer.

"The past 10 days have been really suffocating for us. The burning is rampant and the smoke is entering every home. We are finding it difficult to breathe. Earlier this used to be a green area. Now, we can see tiny hills of garbage everywhere in our locality," a resident said.

Smoke from burning waste rose high in Bellandur on Tuesday

A few years ago the residents had filed a complaint at their local police station in this regard but no action was taken to alleviate their troubles.

> **This could lead to the release of dangerous and possibly carcinogenic gases which can affect the health of residents, including children and senior citizens**
>
> –a resident of Bellandur

Other localities in the Mahadevapura zone, including Kasavanahalli, Harlur and Junnasandra, are facing similar problems. Some residents filed complaints through Palike's app Sahaaya too. However, their issue has not been resolved yet.

As the smoke rose high on Tuesday near Mantri Espana, BBMP officials and marshals arrived at the spot to put an end to it. Residents demand that the civic body offers them a permanent solution.

Vishnu Prasad, a member of Kasavanahalli Development Forum, said, "The burning occurs in the morning and in the evening every day. BBMP must streamline the waste action. Secondly, they shouldn't allow private contractors to dump garbage wherever they please. This apart, the footpath vendors generate waste too and ask some people to pick it up. Those people find vacant plots and dump the waste there and burn it. Private contractors, instead of segregating waste, are dumping in open fields. BBMP must enforce (a solution) strictly and ensure that such practices do not continue."

BBMP to file FIRs against those digging roads w/o permission

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The plague of potholes continues to haunt the city. Considering the poor state of the roads in the city, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has instructed officials to file cases against agencies that are digging up roads illegally. Cases will be filed even against other government agencies like Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) or Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM), who dig the roads often to lay pipes and power lines.

Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta said, "Just because they are government agencies, they cannot take up road digging without obtaining prior permission from BBMP. Many agencies have resorted to road digging without permission. Therefore, we have decided to regulate this. If anyone is found digging roads without prior permission, we have to take necessary actions."

Citizens have been complaining often and for years that newly laid roads in their areas are being dug up constantly.

A file pic of a pothole on Aga Abbas Ali Road

"The roads in my locality were recently laid after waiting (for the roads to be fixed) for many years. However, even before we could enjoy driving on good tarmac, the roads were dug up again," said Anjan R, a businessman.

The BBMP chief said that the issue of road digging is serious in nature and there must be enough checks and balances as the public is facing inconvenience.

"On many occasions, we would have laid the road and would get dug up again. Patchwork can be an alternative to newly laying roads each time. We need to ensure a systematic approach for road cutting. We have no soft corner for any agency. I have already instructed that the officials concerned will be responsible for the upkeep of roads in their jurisdiction. If anyone misuses it (their position), cases will be filed (against them) so that we can protect the roads," he added.

The road digging issue had stirred trouble in BJP in Mysuru. Two BJP legislators, SA Ramdas and L Nagendra, openly questioned the move to allow laying of gas pipelines in their constituencies. Mysuru MP Pratap Simha had responded that projects of national importance must be allowed. This resulted in a political war of words and with both sides accusing each other and embarrassing the party.

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Shivajinagar

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Crater hell
DJ Halli

The Khalandariya Road in DJ Halli is filled with potholes and they haven't been fixed in years. The roads are kept unmaintained for years and residents are facing problems commuting.

Tow it already
Domlur

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Last 5 years	23,384	23,997	22,561
Last 10 years	69,603	56,537	42,467
Since Inception	78,222	66,637	53,184

Performance details for other funds managed by Mr. Ravi Gopalakrishnan and Mr. Ashish Aggarwal

Fund	1 year Return (%)		3 years Return (%)		5 years Return (%)		Funds Jointly Managed by
	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	Fund	Benchmark	
Sundaram Focused Fund	33.7	31.6	21.4	19.1	18.4	17.9	Ravi Gopalakrishnan & Rahul Baijal
Sundaram Small Cap Fund	63.3	63.3	25.4	24.2	16.8	17.5	Ravi Gopalakrishnan & Sudhir Kedia
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FASTag not-so-fast

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"It is true that the FASTag has made the process efficient. However, there are many who travel with low balance or whose account has been blacklisted. They keep honking, asking us to allow free passage. We cannot allow such vehicles to pass without paying the toll.

This is when all the trouble picks up. These days, many are using fake FASTag stickers and argue that they should be let go.

Then, there are other sets of people who drop names or try to show influence to avoid the toll. As we have been strictly instructed not to allow such vehicles, we have no other choice but to make them understand," said a toll personnel.

Anyhow, it is the other vehicle drivers who are now at the receiving end. "Recently, there were two vehicles in front of me and I was hoping for a quick exit from the toll plaza. However, a verbal duel ensued between the toll personnel and the car user; it went on for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, I could not take back the vehicle as many vehicles had lined up behind me and neither could I move forward.

It was really annoying to wait till the 'arguments' ended. I wonder why the toll personnel cannot take the vehicle out of the gate and then discuss the issue. Maybe they are worried that the car user may escape if he is allowed to cross the gate," said Prasanna S, a businessman.

Peenya flyover still shut

The Peenya flyover which connects Bengaluru city to Nelamangala expressway is still shut; when the flyover will actually be allowed for traffic is uncertain. The flyover has been closed for traffic since December 25. Though, initially, it was claimed the flyover will be open by December 31, the deadline was extended; there is no word yet from the NHAI as to when the flyover will actually reopen. A source at NHAI said they were waiting for the load test for which they have sought permission from traffic police to shut the remaining part of the highway.

However, the traffic police who are under severe pressure, controlling the traffic, have suggested conducting the load test in the night time. Officials said that once they have confirmation on the load test, only then the traffic can be allowed. The Peenya flyover links Bengaluru to 25 districts in Karnataka.

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I Iyer Priyanka Subramaniam R/o 101 Soumya Tower Chembur Mumbai have changed my name to Priyanka Subramaniam for all purposes vide affidavit ZR 757635 Dtd 31.01.2022.Both names are of the same person

I, Sailee Nagwekar D/o Sanjeev Hanumant Nagwekar, Aged 29, R/o No. 251, Ph-1, Adarsh Palm Medows, White Field Main Rd, Ramagondana halli, B'luru-66 have changed my name to Sailee Sanjeev Nagwekar for all purposes.

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I, Kusuma Harish W/o HARISSH SUBRAMANYAPPA R/o No.25, 8th cross, Cubbon - pet, Bengaluru 560002 have changed my name to KUSUMA HARISSH affidavit Dt.02/02 /2022 notary Harisha.G B'luru

I, Rakhi D/o Chandra Bahadur Thapa R/o 600 , 14th cross , RMV 2nd stage , Dollars Colony , New Bel road Bangalore-94 Have changed my name to Rakhi Thapa for All purposes.

I Padmini Rajan D/o Govindarajan R/o Bangalore have changed my name from Padmini Narayan to Padmini Rajan for all future purposes.

LOST & FOUND

I, Pandiya Raj G,29 years s/o Ganeshan M(Late), Would like to inform general public that I have lost the original Parent sale deed(DOCUMENT NO.1896 of Book 1, Volume 4957, Page 210-214, year 1993-94 registered at Bangalore) of the property which was purchased by my father. Police Lost Report No. 0146552/2022

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An idea like water to the parched

Woman tries to get permissions to set up small cemented water tanks for stray dogs and cattle to drink from

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The IT capital of India, being a global village, welcomes people from different corners of the world to accommodate them, but when it comes to stray animals, it does not have space to even keep them hydrated.

Rashmi D'souza, a 45-year-old social worker and the owner of a school for under-privileged people, has been an avid animal lover and takes care of 14 stray dogs, both on the school premise and her house in Banashankari 3rd stage.

Being an honorary member of the Karnataka State Welfare Board, she is now running from pillar to post in order to get permission from the public authorities such as the Horticulture Department, BBMP and BMTC, for installing small cemented water tanks for the stray dogs and cattle.If all goes well, Rashmi plans to put up at least 50 such water tanks for the animals across the city with the permissions from the authorities. "The Horticulture department has acknowledged the concept and also assured that they would help me with this project," Rashmi told Bangalore Mirror.

She has been going around the city, finding localities with more stray dogs and other animals. To install water tanks, she also spotted locations including on the sides of the Ring Roads going through Banashankari, Girinagar, Nayandahalli among other adjacent areas. "Each tank would be 2 feet by 2 feet with a height of 2 feet. I am also in talks with the horticulture department and veterinarians who could offer me ideas on designing these concrete water tanks so that it's safe for animals and they suit the city's aesthetic sense," Rashmi said. "I am going to install a few tanks around the Hosakerehalli lake as the lake water is totally polluted and not potable," she quipped.

The water tank installed outside Rashmi's school for children in Banashankari

> "There is a plan to build a few tanks around the Hosakerehalli lake as the lake water is totally polluted and not potable
>
> –Rashmi D'souza, social worker

The water tank idea came to her when she saw that an inmate of the house was offering a bucket of water for the colourfully decorated bullock called 'Basavanna' and it was drinking it to its glory. The poor voiceless bullock cannot express that it's thirsty and has to settle with whenever the water is served to it. These are a tribe of people who come with the decorated bullock and they move with a wind instrument seeking alms.

Rashmi has around 310 students at her school for the under-privileged and to kickstart her project, she has installed a water tank in front of her school for animals.

Animal activists face threats in dog hit-n-run case

Canine lovers, who are fighting a case against a politically influential accused who deliberately ran his car and killed a street dog in Bengaluru, have allegedly been threatened that they 'would also meet the same fate as the street dog'.

The Karnataka Police have booked an FIR against 23-year-old Adhi for deliberately running his luxury Audi car on a street dog named 'Lara', while it was sleeping by the roadside. Adhi was arrested later and given bail on the same day.

The CCTV camera footage of the incident has gone viral on social media and provoked outrage among the public.

Badari Prasad Margasahayam, former corporate consultant and animal activist, who filed the complaint against Adhi, told IANS that the associate who came to negotiate regarding the withdrawal of complaint had threatened them. "An additional FIR has been filed in this regard and police have informed us that the person would be questioned Wednesday)," he said.

"We asked the associate to send the accused directly, as we wanted him to know what he had done was not fair, absolutely unacceptable and atrocious," he said.

"The person who was negotiating got irked and threatened Manjari, a member of the squad, that we will also meet the same fate as the street dog," he explained. Later, a complaint had also been registered in this regard.

Later, when the dead body of the dog was found, hundreds of animal lovers participated in the final rituals of Lara and mourned the death on Tuesday. Sandalwood actress turned politician Ramya also joined animal lovers.

The cremation of Lara was conducted at Sumanahalli Animals crematorium. –IANS

Bangalore Mirror
Cruelty on board
Driver 'intentionally' runs over stray dog

BM's report on Jan 31

The long walk for blood

Delhi-based social worker Kiran Verma, who began his 21,000-km walk for raising awareness about blood donation, left Thiruvananthapuram on December 28 and reached Bengaluru on Wednesday. "This walk is going to be the longest blood awareness campaign ever held as I intend to walk for more than two years," he said. His aim is to spread awareness about blood donation among people so that nobody dies waiting for blood in India after December 31, 2025.

Due to rising covid cases, voluntary blood donation in India has been significantly down over the last two years. This walk is to encourage more and more people to donate blood. So far, Verma has walked via Kollam, Alappuzha, Ernakulam, Thrissur, Malappuram, Kozhikode, Mahe, Kannur, Kasaragod, Mangaluru, Udupi and Chikkamagaluru districts covering more than 700 kms. From the city, he will walk to Mysuru, Coimbatore, Madurai and other parts of Tamil Nadu. —BMB

Cop lends hand in saving a life

A traffic policeman saved a life by fixing the tyre of an ambulance while carrying a critical patient from one hospital to another. When the ambulance reached the CID office near Vidhana Soudha, the tyre exploded and the vehicle stopped. The situation was becoming more critical as time went on.

The wife and daughter of the patient became tense and tried calling other ambulances for help. This crisis was aggravating when oxygen was nearing end. Kasappa Kalluru, a traffic police on duty, quickly changed the flat tyre and helped them reach the hospital on time. Ironically, when this ambulance started to move, another ambulance arrived at the spot. – PRAKASH VL

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Wanted: A cease-fire expert

Environmentalist has written to the Forest Dept asking that a field director be appointed to Bandipur Tiger Reserve before fire season

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With summer approaching, the threat of forest fires looms large. Now, green activists have written to the Forest Department to take adequate measures by deploying personnel so that precious forest land can be saved.

In a letter to the department, environmentalist and former Wildlife Board member Joseph Hoover writes, "The Bandipur Tiger Reserve is in need of an experienced, efficient and honest field director at this critical point in time. The scenario right now is very bleak, more so with the fire season around the corner. The ground level staff, especially forest watchers are demoralised. Bandipur Tiger Reserve has a history of major, devastating fires over the last seven years. We have lost a forest landscape in excess of 6,500 hectares. More than 4,000 hectares of Karnataka's best tiger reserve was lost to fire due to the lackadaisical approach of a former field director.

Given the fact that Bandipur Tiger Reserve has suffered due to inept and corrupt field directors, we humbly request you to post a good officer with sound man-management ability to this critical tiger habitat."

BM had reported on Jan 23 about the rise in frequency of forest fires in the state

Hoover said the Reserve was home to more than 150 tigers. Bandipur had suffered three major fires since 2013 with the worst in 2019 scorching more than 4,000 hectares of the tiger habitat. "Government probes have attributed these devastating fires to inept, callous administration. Karnataka's best tiger reserve again finds itself in trouble as the state government hasn't appointed a field director. Besides, there is no assistant conservator of forest in Bandipur since December 2021. There has been no range forest officer since August 2021. The Forest Department had recommended the names of experienced, sincere officers. But the government has not deemed it appropriate to accept the department's choice. The fire season is already around the corner. Bandipur, which has lost more than 6,500 hectares over the last few years, cannot sustain another inferno. It is frustrating that forest, environment, and biodiversity are the least of the government's priorities..." he added.

Many studies have shown that the wild lands including forest areas are increasingly facing difficult fire weather conditions.

A file photo of a devastating fire at the Bandipur National Park

THINGS WE LOST IN THE FIRE

According to the India Forest report, globally about 98 million hectares of forest were affected by fire in 2015, which comprise 3 per cent of the forest area. This was mainly in the tropical domain, where about four per cent of the total forest area was burnt. The Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has also reported an estimated 260,000 to 600,000 premature deaths of human/wildlife annually, due to exposure to smoke from landscape fires (including forest fires). The report also finds that annual carbon emissions from forest fires range between 2.5 billion and 4.0 billion tons of CO2. Persistent hotter and drier weather due to climate change and other human factors such as land conversion for agriculture and poor forest management are the main drivers behind the increase of forest fire. "In India, severe fires occur in many forest types particularly dry deciduous forest, while evergreen, semi-evergreen and montane temperate forests are comparatively less prone. More than 36 per cent of the country's forest cover has been estimated to be prone to frequent forest fires," the report stated.

NATION

Unemployment: Rahul Gandhi slams Centre

Slamming the central government over the faulty policies, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday said India is facing the highest level of unemployment in 50 years under the current Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led government at the Centre.

Rahul Gandhi said, "Government speaks of providing employment. 3 crore youth lost their jobs in 2021. Today India is facing the highest unemployment in 50 years. You talk of Made-in-India, Start-Up India, but the youth did not get the employment they were supposed to. The one they had has disappeared. The government pushed 23 crore people back into poverty."

The Congress MP said the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government had pulled 27 crore people out of poverty in 10 years.

"There was not a single word on unemployment in the President's Address. The youth across the country is looking for jobs. The government is unable to provide them with one. They talk about 'Made-in-India'. But there cannot be Made-in-India today. The matter has ended because who are the people involved in Made-in-India? Small and medium industry, unorganized sector - whom the Centre has finished. Made-in-India is not going to take place," said Rahul Gandhi while addressing Lok Sabha during the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address.

Gandhi further slammed the government for having made huge strategic mistake in foreign policy which brought China and Pakistan together.

"The single biggest strategic goal of India's foreign policy has been to keep Pakistan and China separate. But what you have brought the two countries (Pakistan and China) together. This is the single biggest crime you have committed against the people of India," says Rahul Gandhi in Lok Sabha.

Criticising the President's address that marked the beginning of the Budget Session of the Parliament, the Wayanad MP said the speech had no strategic vision and did not touch upon the main challenges that our country is facing currently including the growing gap between the extremely rich and the poor in the country. —ANI

A financial push to Bengaluru's suburban rail

Rail activists welcome allocation, but wonder why safety aspect of rail was ignored

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The Bengaluru suburban project got a financial boost with the Union Budget allocating Rs 450 crore for the project. For a long time activists and officials have been demanding higher allocation for the project which has been hanging in the balance. Experts say this allocation is a big boost though they expect more to execute this project.

Rail activists told Bangalore Mirror that apart from suburban projects, the railway budget doesn't add much to Bengaluru.

"We were expecting more funds for elimination of level crossings, augmentation of automatic signalling and improving passenger amenities and the budget lacks focus. The safety aspect is ignored. Funds have been allocated for the ongoing doubling and electrification process. A coaching depot has been assigned at Shivamogga for which an initial amount of Rs 30 crore has been allocated," Sanjeev Dyamanannavar, a rail activist and a techie said.

Suburban rail cuts down travel time and is a greener way to travel

He said that Rs 265 crore has been allocated to the all-important Yeshwanthpur-Hosur section.

"Of this, Rs 140 crore has been allocated to Hosur-Baiyappanahalli section which I feel is not sufficient. Last year, the work was not at a great pace due to lack of funds. We demand more allocation," Dyamannanavar added.

Another important project for Bengaluru is the quadrupling of the Cantonment and Whitefield section. For this project, the railways have allocated around Rs 100 crore where Rs 90 crore has to be raised via borrowings.

Funds have been allocated for new lines of Gadag-Wadi, Shivamogga-Ranebennur, Belagavi-Dharwad, Rayadurga-Tumakuru and Kudachi-Bagalkot.

A plea for suburban rail project

With the much-awaited Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project is yet to see the light of day, Citizens for Citizens (C4C), a city-based NGO, has launched a campaign against the delay.

The petition, hosted on change.org, has garnered over 3,000 signatures so far. According to Rajkumar Dugar, founder, C4C, the petition has been started to appeal to the concerned officials to begin the work on the project without further deferment.

"The idea of starting this petition is two-fold. First is to make more and more people aware of the situation and second is to build pressure on the concerned authorities to begin work on the project while prioritizing the KSR Bengaluru City-Devanahalli corridor," said Rajkumar.

As per the petition, while the Centre gave its sanction for the much-needed Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project more than a year ago, with four corridors to be built by the Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (K-RIDE) to, nothing has moved on the ground yet.

"Based on the situation and the needs of the city, the central government had asked for expeditious completion of the airport corridor from KSR City railway station within three years, while giving six years for the other three Corridors. We are now in 2022, and not a speck of dust on the ground has moved on any of the four corridors, even after more than a year has passed since the sanction. Moreover, the KSR Bengaluru City-Devanahalli corridor has been put on the back burner. Those who justify the down-grading of Suburban Rail Airport Corridor should ask the government of India why it specified this priority," says Rajkumar. —Garima Prasher

HEALTH TIP: Quinoa helps in the production of collagen, making the skin more elastic and preparing it to fight signs of ageing such as wrinkles and age spots

High content of Vitamin A, C and E in papaya can help normalise a woman's irregular menstrual cycle

BEST OF
DR MAHINDER WATSA

The finest responses of Dr Watsa are being republished in this column as a tribute to him.

1 I am a 40-year-old married woman and have been in a physical relationship with my boss, who is also married. While this hasn't caused any complications in our professional relationship as yet, I feel that at some point, it will. I have tried to end the relationship several times but he insists that it won't affect our equation in the office. Should I confide in his wife?
Your concern is valid in spite of whatever your boss may try to convince you. I would recommend that you change your job, take more interest in your husband and rekindle your relationship with him.

2 I am 41 years old. Several white dots have developed on the head of my penis. I am really worried about this. Could you outline a line of treatment that would help me get rid of them? What should I do? Please advise.
The answer would depend on whether you have had this condition for a long time or whether it has occurred recently. If it has been there for a long time, it is a natural discoloration and there is no reason for you to worry. However, if the development is recent, you should consult a skin specialist.

3 I am 15 years old and my problem is my voice and my height. For my age, I am very short. Also my voice is more like a girl, which is embarrassing. Are there medicines for both my problems?
It's best you have your parents take you to an endocrinologist. At your age, much can be done to correct anything that needs treatment. Do not delay.

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Clear your throat

Try these home remedies to get rid of bad cough

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We are quite familiar with the rough and scratchy sensation down our throats, followed by a pile of tissues due to a runny or stuffy nose. While it all sounds dreadful, a normal cough is quite helpful in expelling phlegm and other irritants. And home remedies of cough help you soothe that irritated throat.

If your cough sounds a lot croakier and occurs for longer periods of time, it might be in need of special attention. While sustained coughing can be a result of allergies, bacterial and viral infections which can be treated using prescribed antibiotics and over-the-counter medicines, several natural ingredients are equally effective on one's body to work their magic. And the best part is, they all lie inside your kitchen.

Take a look at our list of natural, homemade remedies to get rid of that persistent cough for good.

Honey
Honey contains soothing properties. When you have honey, it coats the throat with a protective layer to prevent it from getting sore. Honey is loaded with anti-inflammatory and anti-microbial properties which put the throat at ease and lower the chances of coughing along with providing a sweet taste to your buds. It works exceptionally well for wet cough as it loosens the thick lining of mucus which makes it easier to expel out of the body.
How to do it: All you need is two tablespoons of honey and a beverage of your choice, be it warm water, lemon juice, herbal tea or ginger juice. For the last one, add a pinch of black pepper. Drink once in the morning and once before bed at night.
Tip: You can also have two spoons of honey raw to soothe your throat or have it as a spread on a slice of toast.

Tulsi
Tulsi boosts the production of antibodies that fights against common colds, coughs and keep infections at bay.
How to do it: Tulsi leaves can either be used to make kadha or served as tea. For kadha, boil water in a pan and add four to five tulsi leaves and a teaspoon of grated ginger. Boil it for 10 minutes, add a pinch of salt and the juice of half a lemon. Drain the mixture and drink it warm.

For the tea, put the leaves in half a cup of boiling water on a medium flame for 10 minutes. Strain the mixture and add lemon juice to it. Drink it once or twice a day to get relief.
Tip: You can also chew four to five tulsi leaves as a daily morning routine to boost your immunity system.

Cinnamon
Known for its antiviral properties, cinnamon helps fight against the common cold and provides relief from sore throat. This aromatic spice can either be used alone or along with ginger, cloves and honey.
How to do it: Prepare black tea and add a pinch of cinnamon powder. Add chopped ginger pieces, 2-3 cloves, 2-3 black peppercorns or a pinch of black pepper powder along with 2 cinnamon sticks to your tea for added benefits. Boil these ingredients in a liter of water until it reduces to half its quantity. Leave it to brew for 15-20 minutes. Add a teaspoon of honey and drink it warm.
Tip: Store the cooled tea in an airtight bottle in the refrigerator. It keeps for a month.

Ginger
Suitable for dry cough, ginger has anti-inflammatory properties that provide relief from nausea and stabilise the membranes present in the airways which keep a check on coughing. A remedy, in this case, would be the combination of ginger and lemon, to help work against the irritation in the throat and lungs.
How to do it: Take half a liter of water and add 5g of grated ginger to it. Let this boil on low until the liquid reaches half its quantity. Strain the mixture and squeeze in the juice of two lemons. You can also add a teaspoon of honey for added advantage. Drink a cup of this tea every four hours until the cough subsides.
Tip: If you can bear the pungency, have a spoon of fresh, raw ginger juice with honey every morning for a few days.

Turmeric
Turmeric is loaded with antiviral and antibacterial properties that help fight infection. Its anti-inflammatory properties help with relief from cough. Turmeric also helps in producing mucus, which drains the microbes clogging the respiratory tract.
How to do it: Make a turmeric paste by adding two teaspoons of honey and to one teaspoon of turmeric powder and consume it three to four times a day for a soothing effect.

Alternatively, you can make honey and turmeric tea by boiling four cups of water with a teaspoon of turmeric powder. Add one teaspoon of lemon juice and two teaspoons of honey and mix it well. Drink this tea two to three times a day for better results.
Tip: Having warm turmeric milk with black pepper and honey before bedtime will also help.

Mint
Fresh mint or pudina is an excellent natural remedy for viral infections. It contains menthol that provides a cooling effect and soothes the irritated nerve endings in the throat.
How to do it:
Add 15 mint leaves to two cups of water and boil it for 10 minutes. Turn off the heat and let it stay for another 10 minutes. Strain, and drink with or without honey. Peppermint tea bags might also provide relief, but natural, fresh leaves are advised.
Tip: Use peppermint essential oil for steam inhalation. Try with a drop or two in the hot water you use for steaming. Don't forget to do a check on whether it suits your skin.

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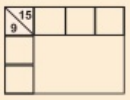
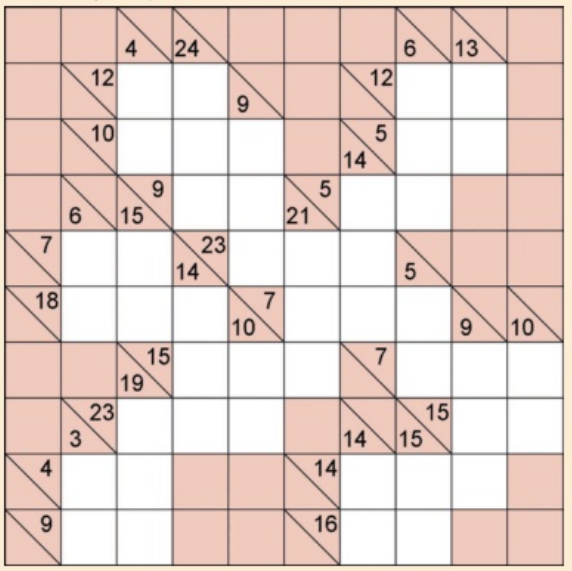
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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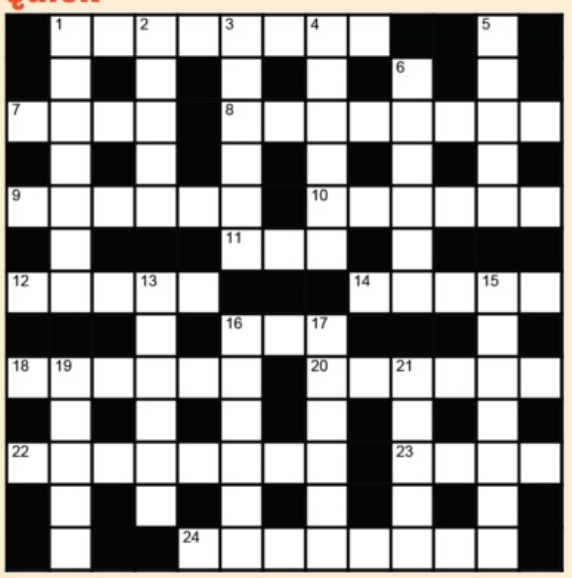


ACROSS

1 Wrapping or tying together as a package (8)
7 A long way off (4)
8 Indian state neighbouring Assam (8)
9 Short-legged hound for hunting various small game (6)
10 Feeble in body and health (6)
11 Female bird (3)
12 Jam-session features (5)
14 Useful quality (5)
16 Roman 1200 (3)
18 The dark continent (6)
20 Coldness or indifference (6)
22 Detested thing (8)
23 Arabian sultanate (4)
24 One of India's major rivers (8)

DOWN

1 Bison (7)
2 Standards (5)
3 Linear extent (6)
4 Small amount of liquor (6)
5 Less important (5)
6 Steep rock-faces (6)
13 Narcotic (6)
15 Cinema in the Banashankari area (7)
16 ___ __ measure: Bespoke (4,2)
17 Toronto locale (6)
19 Last (5)
21 Distinctive smell (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: R EQUALS G

NJ GJP DJJX HJY LAAYJTLD CUQCAP HJY PWC QJGKQFJZK-GCKK JH NJFGR MJZY ECKP.

Linemaro

You have a wonderful heart that cares for everyone

Mindchow

Friends we allow into our company, pets we allow into our solitude

Joke of the day

Did you hear the story about the butter? Never mind. I don't want to spread it around

Loop

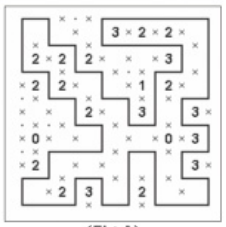
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

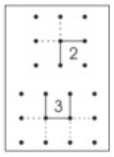
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



(Fig A)



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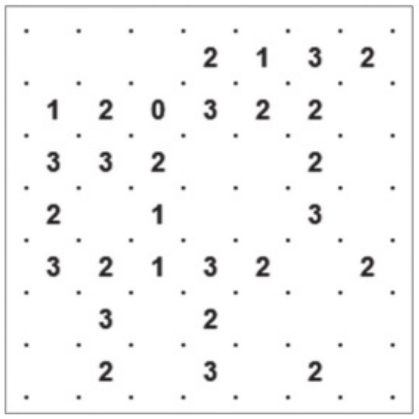

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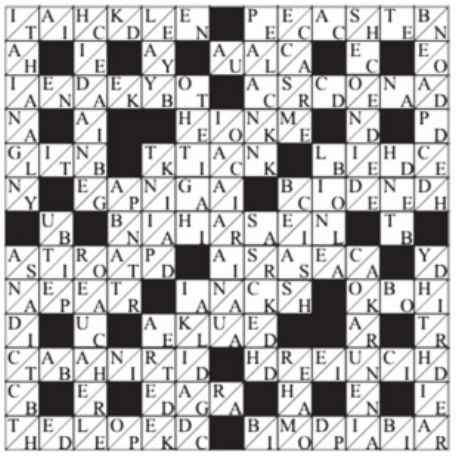
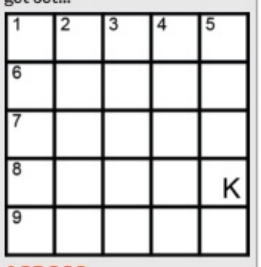


This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Is Ten; 6 Least;
7 Re tut; 8 Faker;
9 AC Fry

DOWN

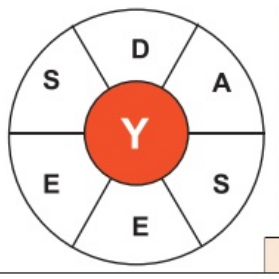
1 Tuffs; 2 Treat;
3 Retes; 4 Alice;
5 K yarn

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?

7	3	6	2
2	8	5	4
1	1	2	4
4	2	1	?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; **04** Good; **05** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

9		7				2		6
5	1						4	7
			1		6			
		3	7		8	1		
	9						8	
		1	2		5	6		
			8		4			
7	5						6	1
6		2				8		3

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 2

3 5 9 9

Medium = 13

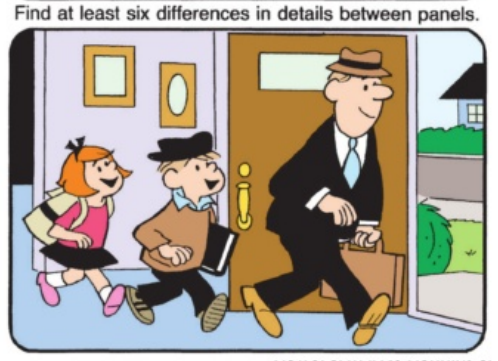
2 5 6 9

Hard = 10

2 7 9 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



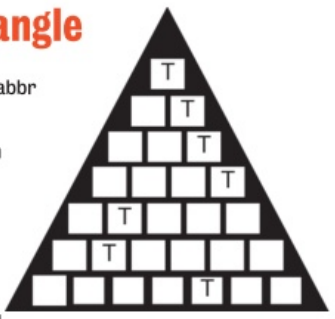
Differences: 1. Bush is smaller. 2. Window is different. 3. Door handle is longer. 4. Hat is different. 5. Picture frame is thinner. 6. Arm is lower.

Riddler

My first can deliver a sting My second's green in the fall and spring Without my third you'd not see a thing My fourth is a structural wing My fifth may assist your swing What word am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Disease B
2 Extraterrestrial. abbr
3 Prepared
4 Everything else
5 Dogie when grown
6 Elm or Della
7 Legal custodian



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

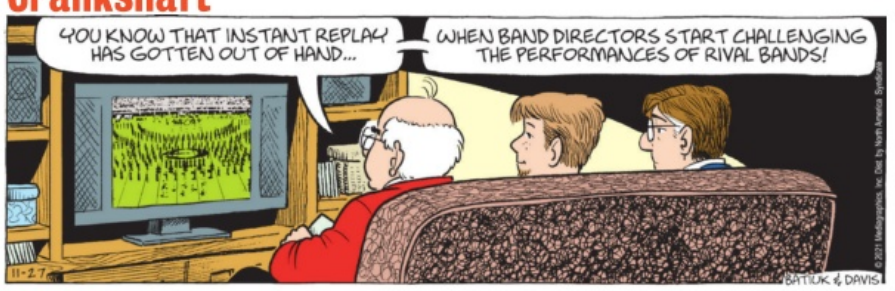
Maybe you lecture the grasshopper to avoid confronting your food-hoarding behavior.
FABLE THERAPY
Wayno & Piraro 12-1-21
BIZARRO.COM

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

I GOTTA GET TO KNOW BRENT SINCE I'M HIS SECRET SANTA. I HAVE TO PLAY MY CARDS RIGHT.
HEY, BRENT! SO LET'S SAY I KNOW WHO GOT DEAN FOR SECRET SANTA. YOU TWO ARE CLOSE... WHAT DO YOU THINK HE'D LIKE?
KAT! WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO SAY WHO WE GOT!
BUT, UH... IF YOU KNOW WHAT CHARLOTTE MIGHT LIKE, MY EARS ARE OPEN.
IT'LL BE A PLEASURE DOING BUSINESS WITH YOU.

Crankshaft


YOU KNOW THAT INSTANT REPLAY HAS GOTTEN OUT OF HAND...
WHEN BAND DIRECTORS START CHALLENGING THE PERFORMANCES OF RIVAL BANDS!
11-27
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

EARL, THAT OAK TREE SHNEAKED INTO MY HOUSE!!!
THAT'S NOT AN OAK TREE, MOOCH, IT'S A FIR TREE!
FUR? THAT WOULD EXPLAIN ALL THE SHEDDING.
12-8
mutts.com

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
You may be blessed by the moon. Your disappointment may now convert into happiness. You may be more focused on your targets. You are likely to use your creativity to make some changes in your office or house. You may also find love. Lovebirds are advised to avoid fantasising about the relationship. Students must avoid speculating while studying.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may be busy at work. Your communication skills may help to get a big order, which may grow your business. You are likely to meet some influential person, who will help you to grow your business. Your family may support you while making a difficult decision at work. Hold your tongue. Lovebirds must work against their straightforward instincts in conversation.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may have the full support of your parents. You may succeed at any work related to a government project. Your terms with the management are likely to improve, which may give you benefits in your business or work. You may plan for overseas work-related travelling. You may get some infections. Drink plenty of water and use lemon in food.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be a victim of unknown fear. Some sort of negativity may reflect in your thoughts. Your impatient nature and arrogance may cause trouble while making difficult decisions at work. You are likely to seek the blessings of your elders, which may help you to come out of the messy situation. Avoid making investments in dead assets. Lovebirds are also advised to avoid discussing worthless topics.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
You may start your day with good feelings. You may have patience, which may reflect in your way of working. You may enjoy yourself at work. You may be optimistic in terms of receiving gains from the business. You may develop an emotional bonding with your spouse, which may boost family harmony. Job seekers may hear good news.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today is a good day at work. You may perform well. You may lead your team efficiently. Your focus on work may be appreciated by your boss and you may also get a promotion or rewards. Jobseekers may get a new job. Singles are likely to fall in love with someone at their workplace. Architects, artists and traders will do well.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today is important for domestic life. You may be busy with kids. You may hear some good news regarding their education. You may buy some creative stuff for your home or office to maintain your social status. You are advised to use wisdom while buying some stuff. Those associated with military, management, electronics and medicine will do better.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may be dissatisfied. People around you may not cooper- ate with you. Be patient. You are also advised to read documents carefully before signing any contracts. Investing in useless stuff is a bad idea. Students are advised to study their subjects with patience.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. Your destiny is likely to be with you. Today you may be more energetic and focused on your work. Your hard work may pay off in terms of success. Your colleagues may help you. You are likely to go on a short work-related trip. You may receive some good news from your sibling.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may be busy with family matters. You may make some important decisions on the domestic front. You should avoid arguments in matters concerning your personal life. Your arrogance may affect your domestic harmony. By the late evening, things will work out better. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in the business.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, messy situations from before are under control. You may feel peace in your mind. You may be able to secure a proper balance in expenditure and earnings, which may boost your financial health. You are advised to avoid excess travelling or overworking, or it may affect your health. Students must start planning for their future. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Until evening, you may enjoy yourself at work and experience a joyous domestic life. You may get some amount which was stuck somewhere too. But late in the evening, you may begin to feel dull. Some unknown fear may upset you. You may get stressed, which may affect your sleep. It is advised to try meditation.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
x/√128 = √162/x
x^2 = √128√162
x^2 = √81√2√2√64
x^2 = √81√4√64
x^2 = 9^2^8
x = √144
x = 12

QUOTE UNCODE
Do not look for the approval except for the consciousness of doing your best.

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U	T	T	E	R		
F	R	E	A	K		
F	A	R	C	Y		

FAST FIVE

RIDDLER Built

BULL'S EYE
easy, essay, ESSAYED, eyed, seedy

STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
4. Working in columns, the sum of the numbers in each column is always 14.

SUDOKU

9	8	7	4	5	3	2	1	6
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3	2	4	1	7	6	9	5	8
4	6	3	7	9	8	1	2	5
2	9	5	6	3	1	7	8	4
8	7	1	2	4	5	6	3	9
1	3	9	8	6	4	5	7	2
7	5	8	3	2	9	4	6	1
6	4	2	5	1	7	8	9	3

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 – 3 + 5 – 9 = 2
Medium
2 x 5 – 6 + 9 = 13
Hard
4 x 2 – 7 + 9 = 10

ALPHA TRIANGLE
T, ET, Set, Rest, Steer, Street, Trustee.

LOOP

KAKURO

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 # Shia LaBeouf, Mia Goth expecting first baby
Actor-model Mia Goth is pregnant, expecting her first baby with 'Transformers' actor Shia LaBeouf

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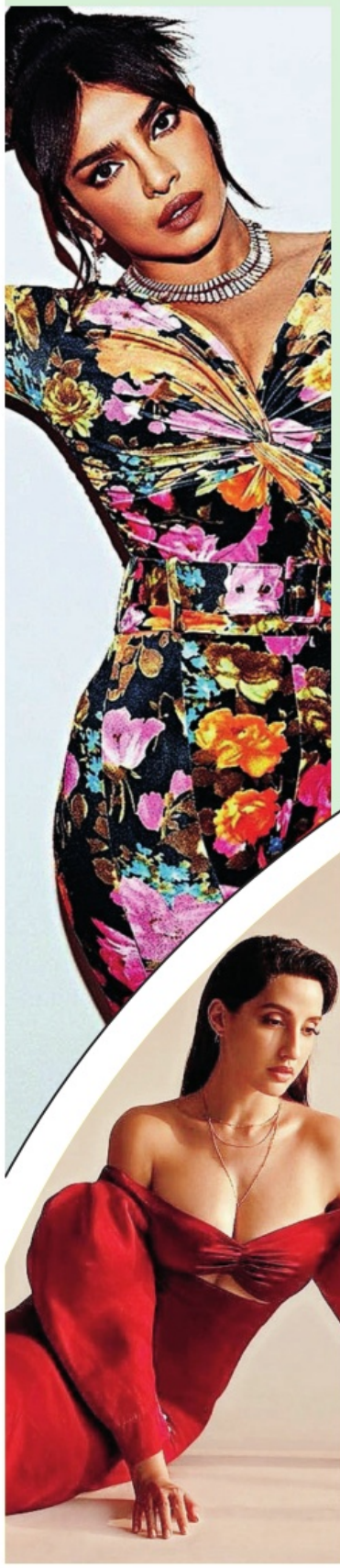
PeeCee, no holds barred



Actor Priyanka Chopra let fans into her life, thoughts and cherished memories when she released her book 'Unfinished'. However, penning it all down on paper proved to be quite the task for the actress.

In her latest interview with Harper's Bazaar, PeeCee opened up about the struggles she faced when she penned down her book. Besides setting out to do some soul searching, she also revealed that she began to focus on the things she really desired out of life personally and professionally.

"When I was writing it, I was like, 'Oh my gosh, the world is going to know my innermost fears, insecurities, failures'. Things that I never admit in my public life. Because, as a woman, you always kind of have to have a stronger front, we have to have a thicker hide to survive," Chopra said to the magazine.

While talking about living life in the public eye, she added that she allowed herself to let her guard down because she was on 'the other side of 35'. "So that made me a lot more solid on my feet and comfortable with myself as a woman," she explained.

Priyanka, who welcomed a baby girl with husband, Nick Jonas, said she was at a point in her life where she wanted to prioritise what's important. "Seeing the havoc that this pandemic created around the world, I think peace is of utmost importance at the moment. And I know that in my life, that's become my quest. That's all I look for. I'm looking for people that give love, I'm looking for people that are peaceful. I'm gonna surround myself with just joy and light... I want to prioritise what's important." — ETimes

First birthday as a mommy

Preity Zinta turned a year older recently. On her special day, her friends and fans took to their social media handles to pour in wishes. Now, the actress took to her Instagram handle to give us a glimpse of her birthday celebrations with family.

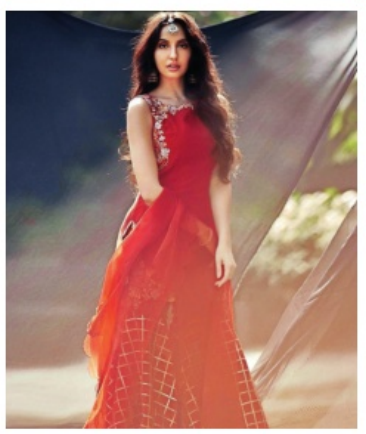
The actress thanked everyone for their lovely wishes. She also revealed that she spent most of the day taking care of her twins. The post was captioned as, ''A big thank you to all of you for the birthday wishes and for all your love. This birthday was like no other. We stayed home and I spent most of the day cleaning and sterilizing milk bottles for the kids, then feeding, burping and changing nappies. I cannot believe I'm saying this but I did not find time to wear a nice dress and get all made

up Inspite of all that, this birthday was special cuz I had my little ones keeping me company and it was just a family affair.''

As soon as she shared the post, Sussanne Khan, Dia Mirza, Manish Malhotra, Hrithik Roshan, Sophie Choudry, Manisha Koirala and other stars showered love on her.

RED HOT

Actor Nora Fatehi sure has a thing for red... We pick some of her best outfits in that colour



When it comes to having a noteworthy wardrobe, Nora Fatehi's style statements have always been ahead of the curve. Having said that, red seems to have a special spot in the actress' wardrobe. Be it casual public appearances, or glamorous events, more often than not, Nora has made radiating statements in red with perfection and glam. Let's have a look at 6 best outfits from her closet:

Stylish and Stunning
Donning a fiery red strapless gown, Nora surely made our hearts flutter. She teamed her attire with a bunch of accessories consisting of shimmery pumps, stone-studded drop earrings, rings, and a statement choker necklace. She looked red carpet ready.

Sparkle all the way
The diva looked stunning in a sequin red dress, which she teamed with a stylish black belt. As she rocked the curly hair look, she posed with elegance and perfection. The actress surely knows to bring out the A-game, be it any style, look or colour.

Radiating and ethereal
What better colour than red for making a noteworthy appearance for a glamorous red carpet night? Nora looked all things mesmerizing pulling off an off-shoulder free-flowing gown that came with frills. Kohl-rimmed eyes , a dark red lip colour accentuated her look, while a statement necklace made her look elegant as ever.

Ravishing in Red
With a plunging neckline and balloon sleeves, Nora looked stunning in a red off-shoulder dress. She kept her look simple and opted for minimalistic neckpieces. She can pull off any look with perfection and confidence.

Elegant in Ethnic
Nora indeed looked like a vision to behold in a traditional ensemble featuring embroidered floral motifs. She completed her look with statement jewellery and mang tika. She posed with perfection, leaving her wavy locks loose.

Shine and Shimmer
Red indeed has a special place in the actress' closet. The 29-year-old actress looked elegant in shimmery bodycon attire. Finding the right balance between elegance and charm, the actress opted for minimal makeup and left her tresses open.